

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-27 (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) A method for consistently rendering a graphical control component for both a web page graphical component of a web page and a non-markup language application on a computer display upon receiving a web page request for graphical control component rendering request of the graphical component, the method comprising:

providing a themed control dynamic link library within a computer operating system;

providing a fusion component linking each non-markup language application with the themed control dynamic link library within the computer operating system, the fusion component enabling theming of the non-markup language application graphical control component within each non-markup language application without altering the non-markup language application;

responding to each rendering request from both the web page and the non-markup language application through a theme manager, the theme manager connected with the themed control dynamic link library to communicate with the non-markup language application and with an alternate dynamic link library to communicate with the web page;

when responding to a web page graphical control component rendering request, determining whether a defined theme META tag is present and affirmatively set in the web page;

routing the web page graphical control component rendering request to a the theme manager contained within a dynamic link library of a computer operating system if the defined theme META tag is present and affirmatively set, the theme manager having tools responsible for rendering graphical control components in accordance with at least

one defined theme for both the web page markup language and non-markup language applications; and

rendering the graphical control component.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28 29, further comprising rendering the graphical control component using the tools provided by the theme manager to display appearance characteristics of an active defined theme if a themed appearance is desired.

32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28 29, further comprising rendering the graphical control component in accordance with a default mode for the web page if an active defined theme provided by theme manager does not include appearance characteristics for the requested component.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28, further comprising providing a set of appearance characteristics through the theme manager, the set comprising at least parts information and location information for the requested graphical control component.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33, wherein the set of appearance characteristics additionally comprises state information indicating a state of the control.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28 29, further comprising:
determining, if the theme META tag is set to indicate a themed appearance is desired, whether the web page has specified cascading style sheet properties;

if cascading style sheet properties are specified, determining whether the specified properties are one of a number of predetermined properties desired to be ignored; and
applying only those cascading style sheet properties that are not one of the predetermined properties to be ignored.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, further comprising rendering the requested control utilizing a standard look that is not themed by the appearance manager if the theme META tag is not present.

37-46. (Canceled)